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(57) Abstract: A phosphate bonded ceramic is used to provide a protective coating on a rare earth-transition metal (RE-TM) alloy substrate, conferring degradation resistance to the alloy by being oxidation resistant and acting as a diffusion barrier, thereby minimising/preventing oxygen diffusion and elemental depletion. The alloy substrate may, for example, be a permanent magnetic alloy component and may be used in aerospace applications.